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PRODUCTION OF OILSEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of oilseeds in Andaman and Nicobar Islands during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the details of areas there where oilseeds production was under taken;

(c) whether there is decline in oilseeds production in Andaman and Nicobar Islands during the said period;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken to check the decline and to increase the production of oilseeds and cultivable land for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): The production of oilseeds in Andaman and Nicobar Islands is negligible and is notincluded in the reporting system. However, as per the figures supplied by the Andaman & Nicobar Government the total production of oilseeds during the last 3 years is as under:

Year	Production (Tonnes)
1998-99	153
1999-2000	73
2000-2001	55

(b): The details of area in Andaman and Nicobar Islands during the year 2000-01 whereoilseeds production is undertaken is given below:

South Andaman	13.20 ha.
Rangat	23.55 ha.
Middle Andaman	21.51 ha.
Diglipur	70.90 ha.
Little Andaman	4.00 ha.
Total	133.16 ha

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): The following factors are responsible for the decline of oilseeds production in Andaman & Nicobar Islands :

1. Farmers are more inclined towards vegetable cultivation because they get more profit from it.

2. Lack of irrigation facilities.

3. Inclement weather condition.

4. Lack of processing & marketing structure.

5. Stray animals.
6. Non availability of good quality seeds.

(e): The Agriculture Department of Andaman & Nicobar Islands have sent a proposal for thedevelopment of oilseeds to the National Oilseeds & Vegetable Oils Development (NOVOD)Board. A programme of training of farmers and demonstration of groundnut, mustard and sunflower was sanctioned for Andaman & Nicobar Islands.